

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: Apc029.jpg

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1600981.004

Medium: Computer Image File

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Secretary for Internal Affairs

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 28 February 2017

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 27 February 2017

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file is deemed to be objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children or young persons for sexual purposes. The image file consists of a series of small images taken from a video recording that has also been examined and classified by the Classification Office (see Apc029.mp4 - OFLC: 1600981.005). The image file depicts a girl, who appears to be an older child or young teenager, engaging in sexualised conduct for the camera. The purpose of the image file is to sexually arouse people with a sexual interest in young girls, and it encourages this sexual interest. The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.